

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

1 (Currently Amended). A method of making a blood filter assembly comprising the steps of:

providing first and second filter housing elements from a flexible thermoplastic material, each of the first and second housing elements including a molded port,

placing a filter media between the first and second filter housing elements, and

applying radio frequency heating and pressure to form a peripheral seal that joins the first and second filter housing elements directly to the filter media and encapsulates the filter media between the first and second housing elements.

2 (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the flexible thermoplastic material includes polyvinyl chloride material.